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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Aylward, et al.
Appl. No.: 10/034,436
Filed: 12/27/2001
For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING
AND PACKAGING FRIABLE TABLETS

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Confirmation No.: 2496

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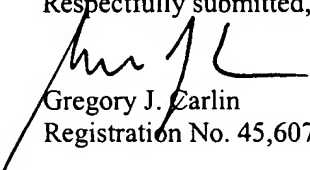
**PETITION FOR A FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) FOR SUBMITTING MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a five month extension of time for submitting the Declaration, Surcharge and Filing Fee (listed in the Notice to File Missing Parts) for the above-identified application. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) is dated February 4, 2002. Applicant is given two months from the date of said Notice within which to file the missing parts (i.e., April 4, 2002). This Petition thus requests that the due date for the missing parts be extended to September 4, 2002.

The required fee of \$980 [37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(5)] is enclosed; any additional fee or refund associated with this Petition may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

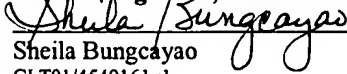

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